

**CURRENT LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Withdrawn, Original) A system for neutralizing relaxed hair comprising:
  - a) a mousse concentrate comprising water, an acid and a surfactant; and
  - b) one or more propellants,  
wherein the system is suitable for applying to relaxed hair to provide neutralization thereof.
2. (Withdrawn, Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more propellants comprise carbon dioxide.
3. (Withdrawn, Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more propellants comprise one or more of: a hydrocarbon, a hydrofluorocarbon or dimethyl ether.
4. (Withdrawn, Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more propellants comprise a mixture of carbon dioxide and one or more of a hydrocarbon, a hydrofluorocarbon or dimethyl ether.
5. (Withdrawn, Original) The system of claim 1 having a pH of from about 3.5 to 8.0.
6. (Withdrawn, Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a container, wherein the mousse concentrate and the one or more propellants is contained therein.
7. (Withdrawn, Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more propellants comprises carbon dioxide, wherein the pressure of the propellants in the container is from about 50 to about 200 psi.
8. (Withdrawn, Original) A kit comprising the neutralizer system of claim 1 and a relaxing agent.
9. (Withdrawn, Original) The kit of claim 8, wherein the relaxing agent comprises a no-lye relaxing agent.

10. (Currently amended) A method for neutralizing relaxed hair comprising:

- a) providing hair that has been treated with a relaxing agent; and
- b) contacting the relaxed hair with one or more applications of a neutralizer mousse composition for from about 30 seconds to about 20 minutes, wherein the hair is not massaged or kneaded while the neutralizer mousse composition is in contact with the relaxed hair; and
- c) rinsing the neutralizer mousse composition from the relaxed hair, thereby providing hair that has been relaxed and neutralized.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein after step b), the relaxed and neutralized hair exhibits at least about 10 % fewer broken hair fibers as compared to relaxed hair that has been neutralized with a shampoo neutralizer product.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein after step b), the relaxed and neutralized hair exhibits at least about 20 % fewer broken hair fibers as compared to relaxed hair that has been neutralized with a shampoo neutralizer product.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the relaxing agent comprises a no-lye relaxing agent.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein step b) is repeated from about 1 to about 5 additional times.

16. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the neutralizer mousse composition remains in contact with the hair for from about 30 seconds to about 5 minutes.

17. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the relaxed and neutralized hair has an internal pH of from about 7.0 to about 11.0 after rinsing of the neutralizer mousse composition from the

relaxed hair, wherein the internal pH is measured after soaking about 1 gram of hair in about 100 ml of distilled water for about 5 minutes.

18. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the relaxed and neutralized hair has an internal pH of from about 8.5 to about 10.5 after rinsing of the neutralizer mousse composition from the relaxed hair, wherein the internal pH is measured after soaking about 1 gram of hair in about 100 ml of distilled water for about 5 minutes.
19. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the neutralizer mousse composition comprises:
  - a) a mousse concentrate comprising water, an acid and a surfactant; and
  - b) one or more propellants.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the one or more propellants comprises carbon dioxide.
21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the one or more propellants comprise one or more of: a hydrocarbon, a hydrofluorocarbon or dimethyl ether.
22. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the one or more propellants comprises a mixture of carbon dioxide and one or more of: a hydrocarbon, a hydrofluorocarbon or dimethyl ether.
23. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the neutralizer mousse composition has a pH of from about 3.5 to about 8.
24. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the neutralizer mousse composition is applied from a container suitable for dispensing a foam.
25. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the one or more propellants comprises carbon dioxide, wherein the pressure of the CO<sub>2</sub> in the container is from about 50 to about 200 psi.
26. (Original) Hair treated with the method of claim 10.